

## Expository Introduction Options

**Remember:** The thesis is in the introductory paragraph.

1. Start with a **personal connection** you made to the current event (dreams, memories, or feelings).
2. Start with a **freeze frame**. Make the picture of the event very clear to the reader—show, don't tell.
3. Don't start with a general statement. Get specific! Expand and use the important and interesting **research or evidence up front**.
4. Start with a **question** (or any other effective **rhetorical device**), not a simple one but a strong, thought provoking question that will be answered or hinted at throughout the essay.